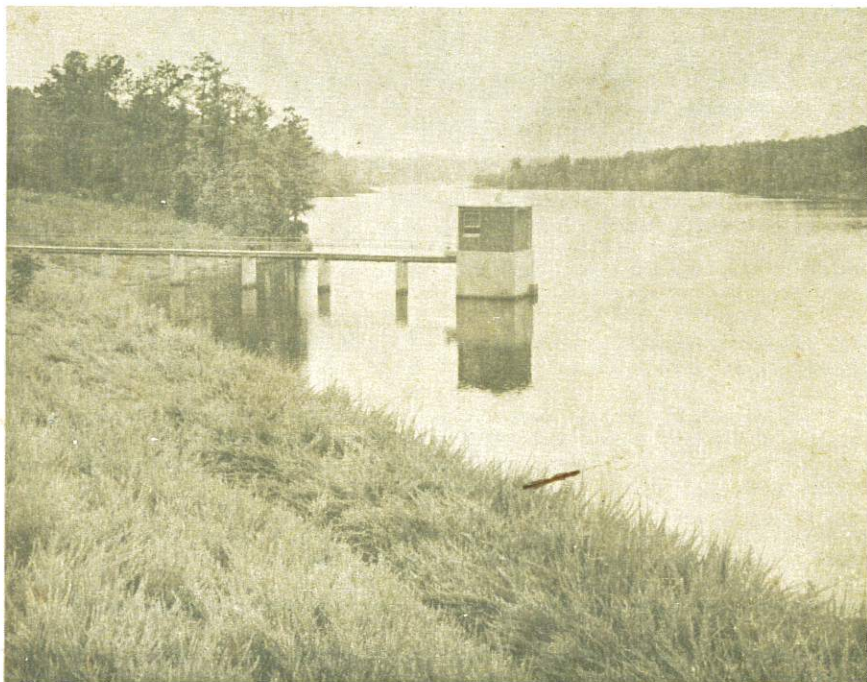


DEDICATION

Cane Creek Watershed

Meriwether County

April 24, 1973
11:00 A.M.



FLOOD PREVENTION LAKE NEAR WOODBURY CONTAINS EXTRA WATER
FOR MUNICIPAL AND RECREATION USE.

Local - State - Federal Cooperative Project Made Possible
By The Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act

THE CANE CREEK STORY

July 28, 1960 marked the beginning of the end of serious flooding on Cane Creek. On that day, the Cane Creek Watershed Association was born. Thomas A. Crowder was elected president; W. R. Hardy, vice-president; and T. Jeff Hill, secretary-treasurer.

Stopping the flooding along Cane Creek and its tributaries was the main goal of the Association, so it went to work. An application was made to the Secretary of Agriculture for federal assistance under the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act.

Sponsors of the application were the Pine Mountain Soil Conservation District (now Pine Mountain Soil and Water Conservation District), Meriwether County, the city of Woodbury, and the Georgia Highway Department (now Department of Transportation).

Later in 1960, the Cane Creek Watershed application was approved by the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee for field studies to determine whether the project would be economically feasible. After studies by the Soil Conservation Service and many meetings of the watershed association, the sponsors, and interested citizens, everyone agreed on a plan of action.

A group of concerned Meriwether County citizens, assisted by Congressman John J. Flynt, Jr., appeared before the Poage Committee on Agriculture in behalf of the project. The group included Bion Williams, T. H. Carroll, C. R. May, Harrison Bray, Georgia Senator Render Hill, and Thomas A. Crowder. Construction was authorized by Congress on April 24, 1964.

Since that time, much has been done. To make the best use of their land, private land-owners have been developing conservation plans and are applying needed conservation practices. Included are 1,075 acres of pasture, 590 acres of badly eroding land healed, 1,775 acres of contour farming, and the Georgia Forestry Commission has helped plant trees on 105 acres of eroded land.

Everyone knew the regular conservation practices alone would not be enough. Three watershed dams were built to hold back flood water during periods of high rainfall.

Since Woodbury was short of water, a fourth dam was made larger than it would have been for flood control alone. Woodbury paid this extra cost and gained a supply of badly needed municipal water. The sponsors decided to develop a recreation area around this watershed lake. Meriwether County paid half the cost.

Nine miles of Cane Creek itself were improved. Sediment, trash, and obstructions were removed to enable the stream to carry upstream water.

About 63 acres of roadsides were seeded to erosion-stopping vegetation.

Another chapter in the Cane Creek Story is about ended. Serious floods are a thing of the past. Many people will enjoy the benefits of the Cane Creek Watershed Project. All because responsible citizens cared - - and acted.

PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies — Harrison Bray

Invocation	Rev. Kenneth Payton, Pastor Woodbury Baptist Church
Welcome	Senator Render Hill
Introduction of Guests	Harrison Bray
“Benefits of the Project”	Claude Bray, Jr. Representative
Introduction	Cecil W. Chapman Retired State Conservationist, SCS
Remarks	Charles Bartlett State Conservationist, SCS
Introduction of Cong. John J. Flynt	Roy Cousins
Address	6th Dist. Cong. John J. Flynt
Dedication	Rev. W. D. Milton Dist. Chaplain First Baptist Church Buena Vista, Ga.
Benediction	Rev. Woodrow Wall, Pastor Greenville Baptist Church

SPONSORS

Pine Mountain Soil & Water Conservation District

Meriwether County Government
Woodbury City Government

Georgia Department of Transportation
Cane Creek Watershed Association

SPECIAL MENTION FOR OTHER INDIVIDUALS WHO HELPED MAKE PROJECT POSSIBLE

Pine Mountain Soil & Water Conservation District

Sponsors - Norman Woodruff, Willis Biggers

Meriwether County Government - Commissioners Harrison Bray, Norman Woodruff, Lawrence McKoone, Jimps Cole (deceased), Henry Reeves, Sr., and Charlie Fuller all helped to start the project. Others elected since then include C. R. May, W. H. Reeves, Jr., Joe Butts, and Grady Rollins, Sr. Elected in 1972 are Wofford Jackson, Henry Barnes, Ocie Jeter, Harry Argroves, and Gary Young. County Attorneys Claude Bray, Jr. and Ben R. Freeman.

City of Woodbury - Mayors Richard A. (Dick) Behm, Bill Rudder, Bion Williams, Jr., Walter S. Taylor and Bob Brown.

Watershed Association - Thomas A. Crowder, president; W. R. Hardy, vice-president (deceased); T. Jeff Hill, secretary-treasurer.

Assisting

Local Soil Conservation Service - H. C. Seaton, Area Conservationist, David L. Payne, Engineer, Carrollton; P. A. Gantt, Charles Mackey, and Johnnie R. Rowe all of Greenville.

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